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Application No. 08/307,703

Applicant(s)

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Notice of Allowability

Examiner

Frank Vanaman

Group Art Unit 3106



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.
This communication is responsive to <u>amendment of Sept 6, 1996</u> .
∑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-19
☐ The drawings filed on are acceptable.
Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
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received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number)
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□ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
□ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
☑ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached fereto or to Paper No
including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Apr 30, 1996 , which has been approved by the examiner.
including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal lettter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.
☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.
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Attachment(s)
☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s).
☑ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance



Serial Number: 08/307,703

Art Unit: 3106

Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ben Hauptman on Oct. 8, 1996.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 19, line 5, "the" (first occurance, between "of" and "axles") has been deleted. Claim 19, line 6, "the level of" has been deleted.

Informal Examiner's Amendment.

3. An informal examiner's amendment has been made as follows:

Claim 19, line 6, "(Directly from client's claim 6)" has been deleted.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank Vanaman whose telephone number is (703) 308-0424. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

FRANK VANAMAN
Patent Examiner
Art Unit 3106

Frank Vanaman October 8, 1996

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